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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

On January 25, 2005, your Board granted approval for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Homeland Security Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE).

As previously reported, the pilot project has yet to start. According to the MOU, Custody Assistants assigned to the pilot project are required to successfully complete mandatory training in the enforcement of federal laws and policies, and pass examinations equivalent to those given to ICE officers before being given authorization to perform immigration officer functions.

Since the report of September 26, 2005, we have received information from ICE officials that a four-week training class on immigration laws and policies is scheduled to begin on November 29, 2005. We will continue to forward progress reports to the Board as appropriate. A comprehensive final evaluation will be forwarded at the conclusion of the six month pilot project.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please call me or Chief Marc Klugman of our Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
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